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NOTICES FROM THE LICK OBSERVATORY.*

PREPARED BY MEMBERS OF THE STAFF.

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR W. W. CAMPBELL AS DIRECTOR OF THE LICK OBSERVATORY.

The Board of Regents of the University of California, at a meeting held in San Francisco on December 11, 1900, by unanimous vote, elected Professor W. W. CAMPBELL to be Director of the Lick Observatory.

As evidence of the general approval with which this action of the Board of Regents meets, we quote the following sentences from the note by Director GEO. E. HALE, of the Yerkes Observatory, in the December (1900) number of the *Astrophysical Journal*:—

“The wisdom of this choice will be apparent to every one familiar with the circumstances of the case. The task which falls to the successor of Professor KEELER is no easy one, a fact which the Observatory Committee fully appreciated. They accordingly deferred action until the opinions of many eminent astronomers in this country and abroad could be secured. The replies, almost without exception, named Professor CAMPBELL as first choice. It is evident that his remarkable success as an investigator, his tireless energy, and his ability to direct the work of others are widely known and appreciated. It is a pleasure to extend congratulations to the President and Regents of the University of California for the wise manner in which the appointment was made, to the Lick Observatory for its bright prospects under such leadership and to Professor CAMPBELL himself for the wider opportunity in the prosecution of his researches which he will now enjoy.”

THE D. O. MILLS EXPEDITION TO THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.

In the past five years, numerous references have been made in these *Publications* to the Mills spectrograph, an instrument presented to the Lick Observatory by the Hon. D. O. MILLS. This instrument, attached to the eye-end of the 36-inch refractor, has been used three nights per week in determining the veloci-

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